

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud the Surgoinsville Middle School football team on capturing their second consecutive Area 1 TMSAA Class A Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy team is the Surgoinsville Middle School football team, which recently won its second consecutive Area 1 TMSAA Class A Championship with a hard fought 36-12 victory over Holston Valley Middle School; and

WHEREAS, displaying their Herculean nature along the way, the Eagles rolled through their season, establishing a phenomenal record of eight wins and one loss and capturing second place in the Sullivan County Conference on their way to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of Coach Marty Scism and Coach Reed Dykes are without peer; their precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes, were perfectly on display during the Eagles' run for the district championship; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the 2010 Surgoinsville Middle School football team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance; Preston Barnette, Matt Reed, Brad Halderman, Logan Johnson, Andrew Smith, Cody Dickerson, Michael Murray, Josh Sawyer, Mason Jackson, Jesse Brown, Isaac McClain, Chris Vaughn, Taylor Helton, Dylan Douthat, Quentin Salyer, Tyler Rogers, Ronnie Biddinger, Charlie Barnette, Cole Wilt, Aaron Russell, Austin Wayne, Bodey Hall, Cody Jackson, Payton Matlock, Austin Shepherd, Ethan Scism, Reid Blankenship, Weston Hickman, Josh Young, and Hunter Salyer, with the help of their coaches,

parents, and supporters represented their school, community, and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the football field; and

WHEREAS, the team's dedicated and enthusiastic managers are Laura Carr and Patrick Turner; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles' remarkable season would not have been possible without the help and support of the Surgoinsville Middle School's administration and support staff, including Principal Jim Ailshie and Assistant Principal Shane Bailey; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the 2010 Surgoinsville Middle School football team have etched their names onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their successes in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this Body joins the administration, faculty, students, alumni, and community of Surgoinsville Middle School in congratulating the Eagles' football coaches and players on their district championship season, and wish them every future success, both on and off the gridiron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.